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Army of Northern Virginia.

Richmond, Va., 1905.

# BIG MEN BEHIND VERY BIG GUNS

A Summary View of the First Battery of the Rockbridge. Artillery.

CAREER AND COMPOSITION

From Hainesville, July 2, 1881, to Appointation, April 9,

sent a valuable summary of the First

ROCKBRIDGE ARTILLERY. (By W. G. McDowell.) The Rockbridge Artillery might properly

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Sergeant H. B. Johnson, Who Was Killed Just Before the

JOHN W. DANIEL.

"On the night of the 5th of April.
1855, we were halted on the hill east
of Appomatox Courthouse and formed
line of battle facing east. We remained
there until 4 o'clock on the morning of
the 8th of April. We then marched to
the west of the court-house and formed
line of battle in front of the Yankees.
Some say three yards in our front was,
an apple orchard, which was occupied
by about three hundred Yankees. My
Company (D). Thirty-fourth Virginia,
was ordered to frive them out. Wo
did so, and stopped a few minutes in the
orchard, watching a Yankee cavalry
regiment, which was flanking us. About
this time Rosser charged the Yanks,
My skirmish line then advanced at
double quick until we passed across the
road leading to Lynchburg. Then two
lines of battle fired into us, but fortunately struck no one.

The Yangs charged us on the spot. We
fell back, and every fence we came to
we would stop and blaze away at them.
To our right in our retreat on a line
was a lone plece of artillery, which two During the war this battery had a total of twenty-four guns, eighteen of which were captured from their foes. Their total enlistment during the war was three hundred and five men, of whom one hundred and seventy-three were from Rockbridge, those killed amounted to twenty-three; ded from disease, sixteen; wounded, ninety-nine, or total casunities, one hundred and thirty-eight. Forty years after the war, three of the five captains (AlcCausland, Poague and Graham), twenty-two of the first enrollment, and ninety-eight of the entire enrollment, are still living.

In the Battle Abbey of Rockbridge, first upon its roster, can be found the names of those worthy to be called "the big men behind the big guns."

fell back, and every fence we came to we would stop and blaze away at them. To our right in our retreat on a line was a lone piece of artillery, which two men commenced firing after the Yanks came into the field, and they layed the Yanks so rapidly that they took to an old house, which they left in retreat in a double quick time. We remained at this fence until we were notified by a courier that Lee had surrendered. I do not know what became of my regiment in the fight. When we came back to the courthouse we found them in camp.

I will now go back to the apple orchard where Sergeant H. B. Johnson, of my command, was wounded by one of the Yankee cavalry. I sent him to the rear by J. B. Bruce, who carried him to Sweeny's (Old Joe's) house, where he died on Wednesday, the 12th day of April, 1865. We buried him in Sweeny's garden with the head at a tree called the tree of paradise. None other was wounded of my company on that day. We turned over or stacked-our arms in front of a West Virginia regiment, partly composed of my old neighbors.

M. D. L. RUNKLE, Lieutenant Company D. Thirty-fourth Regiment, Virginia Volunteers. Was

Lieutenant Company D. Thirty-fourth Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, Wase Brigade, B. R. Johnson Division.

#### NEW MARKET AGAIN.

Another Answer to Story of Col Humphreys, of Georgia.

My attention has been called to an account of the Battle of New Market by Colonel Humphrey's, which appeared in "Our Confederate Column" October 8th and 15th, and which I think does injustice to the Fitty-first Virginia Regiment and the cadet boys, and I am constrained to give my recollections of the 18th.

Falmouth, Va., sometime during the latter part of January, 1883, or maybe sometime during the months of February or March, 1883, captured a young man, nicely dressed, about sixteen or seventeen years old, who claimed he just came from Paris, France, where he had been attending school, and was endeavoring to reach his parents, who, he claimed, lived in Richmond, Va.

ole, he will answer quick and send reply to The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va. "TIMION SOLDIER." New York, December 26, 1905.



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Being a Few Observations on the Hollday Week Just Closed

Well, it's over—the Christmas week and all its merriment and its harpiness and the its sorrows and its joys. I noted as the days were passing that here and there some playful fellow lost an eye or an arm or his life, fooling with fireworks and dynamite, but as this is done every year and every year ithe parents and the parents warn the boys and the parents warn the boys and the trys seem not to heed the advice, but warnings "enduring" the holidays among to but fittle. But there is always some one thing that is uppermost in these Christmas times whilth odme hit ones a year, and the principal thing this year that caused discussion was the fact that the presents of the rich did not seem to satisfy the general public. Of course, the general public. Of course, the general public of course, the general public. Of course, the general public of course, the general public of course, the general public of the general public of the grifts, but the general public generally assumes the privilege of criticising things that do not suit it, and I notice.

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the general public was not the recipient of the gifts, but the general public generally gastumes the privilege of criticising things that do not suit it, and I notice that some of the papers proceeded to comment in a sarcastic manner upon the offerings of the very rich.

For an instance I noticed that Mr. John Rockefeller, reputed to be the richest man in the world, the man who has more ready coin than all others, the man who is said to be receiving an income of forty millions of dollars a year from his Standard Oll and other investments, gave the telestraph and telephone operators at Tarrytown, his home place, five dollars each, while his brother, William, I do not think they call him Bill, gave the same persons ten dollars each. Now the average man naturally thought that John R. should have been as bountiful as Bill, but that, it seems to me, is a matter for John R. alone to decide.

If I had an income of forty millions of dollars a year and I knew a telegraph operator who had done me some service, and I suspect that an operator near me with that amount or money would have performed several stunts for me, I certainly should have given him seven dollars and a half. But I would not have consulted my brother Bill or the general public as to the amount I should

sank—and how many other boys did not secure one tenth as much. How many one tenth as much. How many one that should be heeded. Briefly, it works in the remembered that Marner hoarded he gold and counted it with giltering eye eleved nothing at all.

But to pursue this subject further.

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stead a tiny baby. For awhile his heart was broken but finally the little wall grew into his life and he would not have given it for all the gold that was ever coined. But if all men were to throw away their gold for kids, the President would not fear race suicide, but is would be confronted with a financial proposition that would be a great deal worse. Truly it is true that it takes all kind of men and women to make a world, and the rich are just as essential us any other kind of people. True sometimes riches seem oppressive, and they are—but on the other hand there is the thorn in every condition. Because a man is poor in the world's goods is no reason why he should be miserable, but it may follow, and often does; that because a man is rich he is miserable and he cannot help it.

that he is not yet convalescent. In this connection I will remark that Colonel Creecy, the editor of the Elizabeth City. North Carolina, Economist, last week celemated his ninety-second birthday, and he claims to still be hule and hearty, and the stuff he writes still sparkles like an Alaska diamond on the dirty shirt front of a hotel clerk on the night shift. You will observe that I occasionally use classical metaphors. But there is no use to ole instances of where age still has on its working clothes—a million almost have been cited.

In the old days, back when the Louislana lottery was in full blast, I one time accepted an invitation of Mr. Dauphin, the general manager or president or something or other, to witness a grand monthly drawing at New Orleans. His

John Jones, or Nonkes or Stokes or Stiles or Johnson, would answer with a voice as cheerful as an angel's-seize his package and rush wildly away. But those who lingered—those whose names were not called—those among the missing, as it were—made the picture that impressed me. No artist ever saw sadness on canvas as clearly depicted as it was on the faces of those who had walted; of those who had worlted; of these who is that sublime thirst which many know; who stood in silence and saw the last jug disappear, and nothing for them. Of course, it had been too late when the order was received; it might have been lost; it might have miscarried—but no matter how it was. Grief sat the saddle and pitied them.

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